# Character Education Newsletter

July 1, 2012 - Month of Discernment



## **Character Education Quote of the Month**

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

— Thomas Paine



#### Attribute of the Month: Discernment

We all make choices every day. Some choices are more difficult than others. These choices come with consequences, good and bad, so using discernment is very important. Good character takes work so remember to make your choices wisely.

## **July Spotlight**

This month, we are adding new vendors to our Pre-Approved Vendor list. Check our website for this list on July 18<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to bring new and promising character education options to our LEA's for FY13.



#### Random Character Attributes at Work

Tony Ramirez of San Antonio was honored June 19th at a Washington, D.C. awards ceremony for his helping hand in his community. Tony founded KIDS CAN SA which helps fight hunger in his community. Way to go, Tony!



Citizenship is one of the character attributes listed under Arizona State Legislature 15-154.01.

#### Being a role model

Did you look up to your older brother or sister when you were growing up? Who did you want to be like? When you were in high school, did you admire an athlete or other prominent figure? How would you like to be the focus of that admiration? Children look up to adults for guidance and clarity. If you demonstrate how they should live, they will follow. Lead by example with sincerely good character.

## **CHARACTER COUNTS! Pillar of the Month**

### Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do • Plan ahead • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes • Set a good example for others